

## COUNTY LOCAL LAWS

IN ANY ACTION BROUGHT UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT, THE OFFICE SHALL BE ENTITLED TO RECOVER FROM A VIOLATOR THE OFFICE'S COSTS FOR INVESTIGATION AND HEARING, PROVIDED AN UNLAWFUL TRADE PRACTICE IS FOUND TO EXIST.

## 118-9. PENALTIES.

ANY MERCHANT WHO SHALL BE FOUND TO HAVE COMMITTED A VIOLATION OF ANY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT RELATING TO UNLAWFUL TRADE PRACTICES SHALL BE LIABLE FOR THE PAYMENT TO THE COUNTY OF A CIVIL PENALTY, RECOVERABLE IN A CIVIL ACTION, IN THE SUM OF NOT MORE THAN FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS FOR EACH SUCH VIOLATION. IN ADDITION, ANY SUCH MERCHANT SHALL BE SUBJECT TO INJUNCTIVE OR OTHER APPROPRIATE ACTION OR PROCEEDING TO CORRECT ANY VIOLATION OF THIS ACT, AND ANY COURT OF COMPETENT JURISDICTION MAY ISSUE RESTRAINING ORDERS, TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT INJUNCTIONS OR OTHER APPROPRIATE FORMS OF RELIEF.

## 118-10. SEVERABILITY.

THE PROVISIONS OF THIS CHAPTER ARE SEVERABLE AND IF ANY PROVISION, SENTENCE, CLAUSE, SECTION OR PART THEREOF IS HELD ILLEGAL, INVALID OR UNCONSTITUTIONAL OR INAPPLICABLE TO ANY PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCE, SUCH ILLEGALITY, INVALIDITY, UNCONSTITUTIONALITY OR INAPPLICABILITY SHALL NOT AFFECT OR IMPAIR ANY OF THE REMAINING PROVISIONS, SENTENCES, CLAUSES, SECTIONS OR PARTS OF THE CHAPTER OR THEIR APPLICATION TO OTHER PERSONS AND CIRCUMSTANCES. IT IS HEREBY DECLARED TO BE THE LEGISLATIVE INTENT THAT THIS CHAPTER WOULD HAVE BEEN ADOPTED IF SUCH ILLEGAL, INVALID OR UNCONSTITUTIONAL PROVISION, SENTENCE, CLAUSE, SECTION OR PART HAD NOT BEEN INCLUDED THEREIN, AND IF THE PERSON OR CIRCUMSTANCES TO WHICH THE CHAPTER OR ANY PART THEREOF IF INAPPLICABLE HAD BEEN SPECIFICALLY EXEMPTED THEREFROM.

SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on the 76th day following the date on which it becomes law.